

HOUSE BILL 874

By Love

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 13 and Title 49, Chapter 5, relative to teachers' tenure.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-117(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead:

(b)

(1) The years of service acquired by a teacher while on a leave of absence to teach at a public charter school shall be used by the local board to obtain or determine tenure status; provided, that when the teacher returns to the traditional LEA from the charter school, the teacher receives two (2) consecutive years of evaluations demonstrating an overall performance effectiveness level of "above expectations" or "significantly above expectations" as required by § 49-5-504.

(2) If a teacher does not receive two (2) consecutive years of evaluations demonstrating an overall performance effectiveness level of "above expectations" or "significantly above expectations" pursuant to subdivision (b)(1), then the time the teacher was on leave of absence to teach at the public charter school shall not be used by the local board to determine tenure status of the teacher.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-117, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d):

(d) This section shall apply to charter schools authorized by the local board of education, the achievement school district, or the state board of education.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.